

A FLUTTER OF WINGS.

The orchard is shining and glowing to-day
With butterfly wings that are ceaseless at
play.

There's yellow above and there's yellow below
And flitting about of a glimmer of snow;

Amidst the green tangle of tall heads of grass
The radiant flashings of red gleamings pass.

The boughs of the trees are low bending to
hold

The ripe harvest apples just turning to gold.

And downward from branches the butterflies
sweep,

Like leaves of the autumn that fall to their
sleep.

O hither and yon, as if blown by a sprite,
The delicate wings rise and droop in their
flight.

Just poised for a moment their airy wave
stops

To linger and sway o'er the pink clover tops.

A stray humming bird with a flash passes by,
The noisy black bee with its buzzing comes
nigh;

Uplifted the wings that the fragile forms bear,
Like bits of a rainbow they shine in the air.

With darting and flitting the orchard is gay
While sunbeams and butterflies silently play.

—MARY FRENCH MORTON.

The Louisville (Ky.) Evening Post (dem.) objects to Mr. Bryan's utterances concerning the anti-Goebel movement among the Kentucky democrats, and says: "Has not Mr. Bryan, in attempting to instruct on issues about which he confesses he is not informed, acted unwisely, and indiscreetly, and precipitately? His best friends in Kentucky feel that he has so acted, and instead of endorsing Mr. Goebel they intend to apply to the situation reasoning from Mr. Bryan's Chicago speech, and to put a new ticket in the field, and to follow it fearlessly to defeat or to a triumphant victory."

BROADENING A CHILD'S MIND.

Expand the child's mind by showing him from time to time scenes from all sides of life. Take him today to studios and let him see how pictures are made; next week to silk factories, to learn the poetry of labor and afterward to a brick yard and an iron foundry, not forgetting the claims of great churches and monuments upon an elevating education. The alternation of city and country is a delightful stimulant. When travel is possible we should give the child glimpses of mountains and sights of the sea, and let him become acquainted with mountaineers and fishermen, even as he ought in town to know something of the ways and thoughts of the workmen, so that he may come to feel sympathy with all sorts of people and understand the merit of labor. Actual experience of this kind is worth infinitely more than the theorizing in schoolbooks. It is not particularly interesting to a child to read that he should be grateful to all the people who supply him with his daily comforts; to the farmer, the baker,

the manufacturer, the builder. But when he sees how grain grows and is converted into flour; how furniture is wrought from blocks of wood, and threads woven into cloth, the whole history of the objects about him is revealed. The different parts of life become connected and he gets a sense of the thread of harmony that runs through it all. And he has a moment of satisfaction, coming through a feeling of kinship with the world, which is more useful than gratitude upon general principles.—Woman's Home Companion.

SOME HINTS FOR HOME-BUILDING.

In considering the interior of a house, those portions of it which meet the vital needs of the family, the kitchen and bedrooms, are of first importance. The kitchen should be small enough for convenience and large enough, if possible, for comfort in warm weather. An oblong shape seems desirable, a short distance between the range and the serving-table, a long distance stretching between two windows for good ventilation. The kitchen should be so placed that the prevailing winds will blow the fumes from the house and not into the living-rooms. If the plan for the cost and size will admit, other windows may be set above a line of shelves, where they will admit sun and air and yet not occupy wall-space needed for furniture. A kitchen porch should be added where vessels can be sunned, and where butcher and baker can deposit their wares and leave the kitchen floor clean and the cook's temper consequently unruffled.

Between the kitchen and the body of the house there should be a passage-way with openings opposite each other. This is another insurance policy against kitchen odors, which, however clean and proper in the kitchen, do not belong in the other part of the house. We know that cooking and cleaning must go on in our homes, but it is a part of the house-keeper's art to hide the machinery and show only the charming results. As we go towards the front of the house we must pass, not through the dining-room and pantries, as in so many houses, but through a side passage, small but well lighted, and cut off from the kitchen and pantries by a door.—Good House-keeping.

PARKS.

Nebraska City should have better care taken of all its parks. The vandals who destroy trees, break fountains and mutilate seats in the beautiful city park around which are the spacious and elegant homes of Colonel Wilson, Messrs. Zimmerer, Rolfe, Butts, Cotton, Webering and others ought to be discovered, arrested and punished severely. It is possible that the parks must be policed night and day during summer?

Morton park, with its twenty-three acres of beautiful woodland and delightful foliage and cool shades, is becoming more and more an attractive resort. The pavilion, however, is, from time to time, splintered, chopped and battered into a state of tumbledownness by bad boys. These miscreants should be caught and jailed. Morton park is, by deed of gift, for the use of Nebraska City and all its inhabitants upon certain named conditions. It is sincerely hoped that nothing in the way of non-compliance with the covenants will ever alienate this pleasure ground from the city.

The feeling among the volunteers who have been serving in the Philippines is made clear enough when a detachment of them escapes the region where the censorship prevails and reaches this country, as did the Nebraska regiment and the Utah artillery yesterday. All of the despatches from San Francisco agree that the soldiers express the greatest dissatisfaction with the management of the campaign by General Otis, and the warmest satisfaction at escaping from further service in the war of conquest. Colonel Mulford, commander of the Nebraska troops, is quoted as saying that "just one man in the entire regiment reenlisted," while Lieutenant-Colonel Eager of the same regiment is represented as believing that "it will take at least twenty years to pacify the Filipinos," and as stating that "all the men think the price we are paying for our new possessions is far in excess of what they are worth." It is a serious matter for the administration when each returning regiment distributes in a host of communities men who know from experience what the war in the Philippines really is, and who hold such views as these about it.—New York Evening Post, July 31, 1899.

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